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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY VISITOR: GERMAIN SPRAUER

1. THE AMBASSADOR HAS JUST RECEIVED A LETTER FROM FERNANT ICART, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S FINANCE COMMITTEE, REQUESTING USG ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP A PROGRAM FOR GERMAIN SPRAUER, GAULLIST DEPUTY AND SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR FOR THE JUDICIARY BUDGET ON THE SAME COMMITTEE. SPRAUER HOPES TO VISIT THE US BETWEEN THE 9TH AND THE 15TH OF JANUARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING INFORMATION ON PENITENTIARY CONDITIONS,
THE FUNCTIONING OF THE JUDICIARY APPARATUS IN THE US AND THE REEDUCATION OF JUVENILE DELINQUENTS. THE DECLARED GOAL OF HIS TRIP IS TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO SUBSTANTIATE AN EVENTUAL REQUEST THAT WILL BE MADE TO THE ASSEMBLY'S FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR INCREASED FUNDS FOR PENAL AFFAIRS. POST HAS BEEN ASSURED BY ICART'S OFFICE THAT THE INFORMATION GATHERED ON SPRAUER'S TRIP WILL FORM PART OF NO REPEAT NO PUBLISHED REPORT AND WILL BE USED ONLY IN CLOSED DOOR SESSIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

2. SPRAUER HAS ALREADY CONTACTED BY LETTER THE FRENCH ATTACHE FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS IN WASHINGTON, ANDRE GADAUD, AND ICART HAS WRITTEN AMBASSADOR KOSCIUSKO-MORIZET INFORMING HIM OF SPRAUER'S TRIP. TO DATE, THE FRENCH EMBASSY HAS NOT UNDERTAKEN SETTING UP A PROGRAM.
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3. SPRAUER WOULD LIKE TO CONCENTRATE HIS TRIP ON THE EAST COAST OF THE US AND VISIT MAINLY A LARGE PRISON, A SMALL PRISON, A COURT OF JUSTICE AND A JUVENILE DELINQUENT CORRECTIONAL CENTER. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONTACT FEDERAL AUTHORITIES AND EXPERTS ON PENAL AFFAIRS WHILE HE IS IN WASHINGTON. SPRAUER MIGHT BE ACCOMPANIED BY PIERRE CALLY, TECHNICAL ADVISOR ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. NEITHER MAN SPEAKS ENGLISH, SO AN INTERPRETER WOULD BE NEEDED. FLIGHT AND WASHINGTON HOTEL INFO WOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO DEPARTMENT BEFORE SPRAUER'S DEPARTURE FROM PARIS. SPRAUER IS MORE INTERESTED IN THE TECHNICALITIES OF PENAL INSTITUTIONS THAN IN THEORETICAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL MATTERS.

4. POST BELIEVES THAT THE DISCRETION OF MR. SPRAUER CAN BE COUNTED UPON AND REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT TO CONTACT THE FRENCH EMBASSY WITH A VIEW TO SETTING UP A PROGRAM FOR DEPUTY SPRAUER BETWEEN THE 10TH AND THE 15TH OF JANUARY THAT WILL FULFILL THE PURPOSES OF HIS VISIT. EMBASSY REALIZES THAT TIME IS SHORT BUT WILL APPRECIATE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE CAN BE PROVIDED.
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